Mother Tongue

Been 1/10 following
this movement to make
English Official Language.

Though there's logic, and hatred,
sometimes both at once, mostly

smacks of provincialism to me.
Any person on a Sarajevo street
will speak three or four languages.

When Airbuses come here from Baghdad
after this latest imperialistic farce, who'd
object to having voting instructions
translated for the pilgrims? But, that's then.

So? Now? Well,what do politicains do? They trade
off! If we can bring language question to a national
referendum, I'll trade my vote for the promise not

to murder any more Afghan or Iraqi children.
Is it a deal? C'mon! Be political! It's
the highest art when it saves lives.